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1. On 10 May, a North Korean castor oil factory, 400 meters west of the North P'yongan Provincial People's Committee building and 100 meters west of the Sinuiju railroad station (124-24, 40-06) (XE-1939), was refining 50 drums of oil daily for use as a lubricant for aircraft engines. Offices of the factory were in an underground shelter 20 meters west of the factory. The plant, opened on 5 February 1952 and equipped with one 70-horsepower motor, one 30-horsepower motor, three compressors, and twelve revolving ovens, each with a capacity of two bags, received castor beans collected as tax-in-kind from North P'yongan and South P'yongan by the provincial industrial bureaus. The factory employed eighty men and sixty women. Trucks transported the drums every 2 days or 3 days to Antung. KIM Yong-il (6855/7893/2480), aged 37, managed the factory.¹
2. In early May the South Hamgyong provincial military supply factory in civilian homes at Pokch'on-ni (128-54, 40-28) (DV-9279) was shipping its monthly production of 30 tons of bean cake, 30 kiloliters of bean sauce, 270 kilograms of bean oil, and 120 pairs of shoes directly to the Board of Supply and Military Stores. The factory employed 163 persons: KIM Pyong-p'il (6855/4426/1732), aged 40, was manager of the plant; CHIM Ch'ang-hae (3088/2490/3189), director of administration section; YI Yun-pom (2621/0336/4636), director of the distribution section; KIM Hong-yol (6855/1738/3525), aged 33, director of the labor section; and KIM Pong-kyu (6855/1144/1145) director of the accounting section.²

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3. In early May a North Korean shoe factory with offices in a two-story brick building at approximately CU-615340 and the plant in caves at the foot of a hill 100 meters south of the building near Kwanp'ung-ni (127-24, 39-09) (CU-6234) was producing daily 300 pairs of North Korean army boots and 100 pairs of rubber shoes. A shortage of raw materials was preventing the plant from reaching capacity production, estimated at three times the actual output. The factory employed five North Korean army officers, fifteen non-commissioned officers, one hundred men and sixty women and was equipped with three motors, six compressors, and cutters.

1. [] Comment. In mid-January 1952 a KIM Yŏng-il, aged 27, was manager of plant number 1 of the clothing depot of the Rear Service Bureau of the North Korean Ministry of Transportation at Choch'ŏn-dong (125-39, 39-02) (YD-2923), []

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2. [] Comment. On 11 February 1950 a KIM Pong-kyu directed the finance department of the North Korean Federation of Labor, []

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